

To-day's Advertisements.

St. JOHN'S LODGE OF HONGKONG.
No. 618, S. C.
A Regular Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the FARMER'S HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY NEXT, the 13th Instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m., precisely. Visitors are cordially invited.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1494

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

The Steamship **SAN PABLO** will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 20th August, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
All Parcels should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

First-class Fare granted as follows:—
To San Francisco and return, 350.00
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To Liverpool, 335.00
To London, 340.00
To other European ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, and Civil Service to be obtained on application.
Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Letters to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1493

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

The S. S. Mail Steamship **CITY OF SYDNEY** will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st August, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Through Passage Tickets granted to English, French, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
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Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Letters to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1387

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTERWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

The Company's Steamers will call at Southampton to land passengers and luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON THURSDAY, the 1st of September, 1887, at 3 p.m., the Company's Steamship **BAYERN** (Captain Sanders) with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 31st August. (Parcels are not to be sent on-board; they must be left at the Auctioneer's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.
For further Particulars, apply to MELOHERS & Co., Agents.

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STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship **Penelope** will leave for the above place TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1493

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
The Steamship **Olympia**, Captain P. Müller, will leave for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1492

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship **Penelope**, Captain R. Katten, will leave for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1492

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship **General Weyler**, Captain W. von Seiwitz, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 10th Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1490

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The Co.'s Steamship **Benget**, Captain Sanden, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1491

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for OHIO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship **Canton**, Captain Bismarck, will leave for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1493

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship **Elektra**, Captain P. Mera, will leave for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the AGENTS of the Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRAH, Agent.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1485

STEAMBOAT COMPANIES.
H.K. and China Steamboat Co., Ltd. 40,000 shares

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited, 20,000 shares

Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited, 18,387 shares

60,000 shares issued

China and Manila S. N. Co., Ltd., 3,500 shares

INSURANCES.
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd., 5,000 shares

Yantai Insurance Company, Ltd., 8,000 shares

United Assurance Society Co., Ltd., 10,000 shares

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 20,000 shares

Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd., 10,000 shares

Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, 1,500 shares

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 8,000 shares

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 20,000 shares

The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 30,000 shares

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MEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship **Prometheus**, Captain Wessner, will leave for the above place on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1484

UNION LINE.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
The Steamship **F. Masser**, Captain Trzasko, will leave for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1482

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship **Kadgar**, Captain Wessner, will leave for the above place on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant, at 12 noon.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1495

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of August, current, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1887.

By Order of the Court of Directors, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1492

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th day of August current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 8, 1887. 1493

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
August 6, 1887.
Diamond, British steamer, 514, A. A. McCaslin, Manila, August 4, General, Russell & Co.

August 7.
Pahawar, British steamer, 2,158, L. H. Moutie, London June 23, via Bombay and Singapore, August 3, Mails and General, P. & O. S. N. Co.

August 8.
Forthright, British steamer, 873, J. B. Brown, Bangkok August 1, Kioe, Anshold, K. B. Brown & Co.

August 8.
Thales, British steamer, 820, W. Y. Hant, London August 2, Amoy & General, Douglas Steamship Co.

August 8.
Socorro, British steamer, 1,000, J. B. Harris, Swatow August 7, General, Butterfield & Swire.

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Khadze, British steamer, 2,134, Lough, Shanghai August 6, Mails and General, P. & O. S. N. Co.

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DEPARTURES.

August 7.
Canton, for Whampoa.
For, for Whampoa.
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Hattie N. Bangs, for San Francisco.
Greyhound, for Hobok and Pakhol.
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:
For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.
For Yokohama, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

For STRAITS & BOMBAY.
For Decan, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

For SHANGHAI.
For Amoy, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA.
For Amoy, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
For Amoy, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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by the causes we have mentioned, how the effect now is, and has been for some years, for this is not the first time, we have called attention to the incidence of the levy, very unfair. The duties have rendered themselves simply by the fall in value of the goods, and it is high time the heavy handicap should be removed.

the heavy handicap should be removed. Commander Lo Strange, of H.M.S. *Dolphin*, which was on the patrol boat *Surprise*, had disappeared in a mysterious manner. The *Surprise* arrived at Marseilles some time since to convey the Duke of Edinburgh back to his command of the Mediterranean squadron, and Commander Lo Strange started on the 27th en route to visit Avignon and other places in the neighbourhood. He took with him only a small valise. On the arrival of his Royal Highness at Marseilles on the 1st, first-class

Hamburg, the interest of the mercantile world is, to a certain degree, centered in the so-called Trans-Atlantische Handels Gesellschaft (Trans-Atlantic Trading Company), which has just undertaken which two years ago was established by a certain Hermann Petersen, with a view to bring about a direct communication between German manufacturers and Trans-Atlantic concerns. The prospects of the undertaking are said to be very bright, and the promoters are being started promised mountains of gold.

of a kind of steamer boats. All the vessels are to be built of German steel, which has to be approved by the German Admiralty. A Turkish commission has arrived at Kig-i to superintend the building of the vessels. Five of the boats are already well advanced towards completion.

The trade on the river has been unusually busy during the week, as arrivals in large numbers from all parts of the United States, the *Swatow*, a French steamer, number. The *Serra*, a French steamer, for Singapore, and the *Pacific*, barque, from Dittum, for Manila. There have been no arrivals. The vessels on the berth are the *Olya*, Thetson, for Rangoon; *Hesperia*, a steamer, to leave 15th inst. as first vessel of a semi-monthly Kingston line; *Electra*, a steamer, to leave 30th inst.; and *Viola*, a steamer, to leave 15th inst. for their usual routes. *Undersander*, English s.s., for Singapore; *Yamaguchi*, Japan-van Antwerp, *Nurea*, from Surabaya, and *Yamaguchi*, from

LATE TELEGRAMS.
(From Straits Times.)

MULLARIA TO SETTLE THE MATCHES HERSELF.
Constantinople, August 1.—Bulgaria has informed to the Porte that falling an agreement regarding the election of Prince Ferdinand, she will consider silence mean a refusal to recognize the Prince and will settle the matter herself.

DISRUPTION OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRY.
Rome, August 1.—The Italian Ministry has resigned.

FERRY AND ROULANDEAU TO FIGHT.
Paris, August 1.—M. Ferry has a pointed speech to arrange with those General Boulenger.

PROGRESS WITH THE LAND BILL.
London, August 1.—The Commons Committee have adopted eighteen clauses of the Land Bill.

DEATH OF M. KATKOFF.
London, August 2.—M. Katkoff, of the Moscow Gazette, is dead.

A NEW GOVERNOR OF THE STRAITS.
The appointment of Sir Cecil Clement Smith to be Governor of the Straits Settlements has been announced.

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Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,
TRIESTE, AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship **KHEDIV**, Captain A. O. LORAIN, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this office for LONDON direct, via SUEZ CANAL, and usual Ports of Call, on THURSDAY, 11th August, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until Noon on the day of sailing.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, August 2, 1887.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS.

ALSO,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

ALSO,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 18th of August, at Noon, the Company's Steam-ship **ATA**, Captain J. LORAIN, with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 17th August. (Parcels are not to be sent on board.) They must be left at the Agency's Office.

Quotations and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1887.

CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship **BATAVIA**, 2,500 Tons Register, Freight, Commanded by Capt. J. LORAIN, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on FRIDAY, the 20th August, at 3 p.m.

These steamers, formerly in the CUNARD Service, lately received New Engines and Boilers, and can maintain a speed at sea of from 13 to 14 knots.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with San Francisco by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The attention of through passengers is drawn to the fact of the Canadian Pacific Railway being the best built, and most splendidly equipped line ever constructed on the American Continent, and specially adapted for Summer travelling.

Consular Invoices for Goods to United States points should be sent in quadruplicate, and addressed to Mr. D. E. Brown, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C., and sent to us.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 20th August.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1887.

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Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips; Weller & Co.

ELIZABETH NICHOLSON, British barque, Captain Geo. Falconer; Melchers & Co.

GENERAL WERDER, Germ. str., Capt. W. von Schneckmann; Melchers & Co.

MOSSER, British steamer, Captain F. H. Titzel; Russell & Co.

STRAITHLEIGH, British steamer, Capt. O. W. Pearson; Adamson, Bell & Co.

Intimations.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

MORNING STAR.

Runs Daily as a Ferry Boat between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim Sha Tsui at the following hours:—This Time Table will take effect from the 15th April, 1887.

WEEK DAYS.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Peddar's Wharf. Leave Tsim Sha Tsui.

8.00 A.M. 7.30 A.M. 6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M.

8.00 8.30 7.30 8.00

8.50 9.00 9.00 10.15

9.40 10.15 10.30 10.45

10.30 12.30 P.M. 11.00 12.00

12.45 P.M. 1.00 1.30 1.15 P.M.

1.30 2.00 1.30 2.00

2.20 3.00 2.30 3.30

3.30 4.00 3.30 4.00

4.15 4.30 4.15 4.30

4.50 5.10 4.50 5.10

5.25 5.40 5.25 5.40

5.55 6.15 5.55 6.15

6.45 7.00 6.45 7.00

7.15 7.30 7.15 7.30

* There will be no Launch on Monday and Friday, on account of coaling.

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of stress of weather, this notice will be given of any stoppages.

The Overland China Mail.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL.

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each English and French Mail Steamer for Europe. Formerly the Overland issue was published fortnightly, but as it was deemed of special importance that a weekly budget of news should be prepared, it was decided to issue it weekly. Subscribers at Home, and those at the Overland Office, will receive the paper for their postal, and welcome the change. The Overland China Mail, now a weekly compendium of news from the Far East, contains special Commercial Intelligence, special notices of Shipping and other information. The various Reports of Courts and Meetings, and all other news, are given in full as they appear in the Daily Press.

The attention of Advertisers is directed to a weekly newspaper, which is circulated among all China Channels, and others, both at home and in the Far East, who do not take the Daily Press.

The Overland China Mail will be regularly posted from the China Mail Office to subscribers, on their addresses being forwarded to us.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Per Annum, \$12.00, postage, \$1.00.

Quarterly, \$3.00, postage, 0.25.

Single Copy, 0.30.

China Mail Office, Hongkong.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

THIS paper is now issued every day.

The subscription is fixed at Four Dollars per annum delivered in Hongkong, or Ten Dollars Forty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under purely native direction.

The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the various Chinese business and mercantile interests, and the Chinese community generally.

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LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Japan, and Siam direct (25).

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Letters per 1 oz., 5 cents (2).

Post Cards, each, 1 cent.

Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.

Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2 cents.

Registration, 5 cents.

(2) Via Singapore, 10 cents.

(2) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Hongkong, will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to do so is expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unopened, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inclosed in such Patterns.

This Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent to the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London after three days' delay.

The parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duties. No parcel must be more than 3 feet in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless accurately packed) or parcels of any kind, such as acid, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$250.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the loss or damage of registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases; provided:

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person employed in the management of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-some bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Misdirected or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Send to _____ on Received at _____ p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be done on the first time of opportunity, and it is as a general rule, that such correspondence is given up, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Fees for Public Vehicles.

Chairs.

IN VICTORIA WITH TWO PASSENGERS.

Half hour . . . 0.10 Three hours . . . \$ 2.

One hour . . . 0.20 Six hours . . . 0.70

Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) . . . \$1.

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR PASSENGERS.

Hour . . . 0.60 Six hours . . . 1.50

Three hours . . . 1.00 Day (6 to 6) . . . 2.00

(With single driver).

Quarter hour . . . 0.05 Hour . . . 0.15

Half hour . . . 0.10 Every subsequent hour . . . 0.10

N.B.—Victoria extends from Mount Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is discharged beyond these limits half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey. Extra horses or drivers and extra hours to be paid proportionately.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the

Shipping midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

9. From East Point to Kowloon Wharves.

10. Kowloon Wharves.

11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.

Captain.

Flag and Rig.

Tons.

Date of Arrival.

Consignees or Agents.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers.

Aratoun Apar.

Batjan.

Caroline.

Crusader.

Decan.

Decima.

Diamond.

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